

FWP UPLAND BIRD HABITAT ENHANCEMENT PROJECTS

PROJECT EVALUATION FORM

This evaluation is to be used to determine the potential and need of projects to serve as projects under FWP's upland bird habitat enhancement program. Points allowed for each category follow each description.

APPLICANT:

Name _____

Address: _____

Telephone: (____) _____

PROPOSED PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Type of project: _____

County: _____ FWP Region _____

Total project acres _____ Acres open to public hunting _____

Legal Description: T_____, R_____, Section(s)_____

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1. The ability of this area to sustain viable upland bird populations will a) increase; b) remain the same if this project is approved. (a=5; b=0)

(If the answer to 1. = b drop the project)

2. Is this within a Regional priority area? No (1) Yes (5)

3. What species will be benefited (cumulative points)?

(Sage Grouse=3; Sharptail=2; Pheasant = 1; Huns = 1; Turkey = 1; Mountain Grouse = 3; Mourning Doves = 2)

4. Approximate acres of other habitat components within or immediately adjacent to the proposed project as they relate to the primary upland bird species the project will affect:

a. Winter Cover: _____ acres within the project (<1%=0; 2-5%=2; 5-10%=5)

_____ acres within 1 mile (~10% <1/4 mile=5; ~10% >1/4=2)

b. Nesting cover: _____ acres within the project ($\geq 300=0$; 100-300=3; $\leq 100=5$)

_____ acres within 1 mile ($\geq 300=0$; 100-300=3; $\leq 100=5$)

c. Food sources: _____ acres within 1/4 mile of the project

($\geq 5\%$ proj=5; 3-5%=3; 1-3%=1; <1%=0)

d. Sagebrush grassland _____ % of project area.

(>50% proj=5; 25-50%=3; 10-25%=1; <10%=0)

5. Status of lands within 2 miles as upland bird habitat:

Excellent

(5)

Good	(4)
Fair	(3)
Poor	(1)

6. Status of project and lands within 2 mile for upland bird hunting:

a) Does the property allow free access for public hunting?

(for all legally commission approved species present = 10; Upland birds only=5)

b) Within a 2 mile radius of the entire property what % of the land is open to free public hunting (include public and private). (<25%=0; 26-50%=2; 51-75%=3; 76-90%=4; >90%=5)

b) What percent of the cooperators land is open to public hunting?

(≥90%=5; 50-90%=2; <50%=1)

7. By project type:

a) **Nest cover** (includes **CRP**): Does FWP have similar nesting projects within 2 miles of this proposed project or is there existing nesting cover within 2 miles?

No (5)

Yes Acres involved _____ (<200= 5; 200-500=3; >500=0)

If the project consists of isolated tracts:

No. of tracts _____ Score each tract based on the above criteria: (Tracts should not exceed 320 acres in size or be within 1/2 mile of another tract.)

Total score _____

b) **Food plot**: Does FWP have similar projects within 1 mile of the proposed project or are other domestic food sources grown within 1 mile?

No (5)

Yes Acres within 1 mile _____ (<5=5, 5-15=3, >15=0)

c) **Shelterbelt**: Does FWP have similar projects or is there natural, similar cover within 1 mi?

No (5)

Yes Acres _____ (<80 =5, 80-160= 3, > 160 = 0)

d) **Range Management**: Does FWP have similar projects within 2 miles of the proposed project site?

1) No (0)

Yes (1)

2) Size of project _____ (<640ac = 1, 640-1280=3, >1280 =5)

Scoring Summary:

1. _____(5)

2. _____

3. _____(12)

4. a. _____ b. _____ c. _____ d. _____ Total _____ (30)

5. _____(5)

6. a. _____ b. _____ c. _____ Total _____(20)

7. a. _____ b. _____ c. _____ d. _____ Total _____

Project Total _____

Because of limited funds preference will be given to projects with greater than the minimum contract length and projects with larger applicant cost share.

Contract length _____ Estimated cost _____

% FWP _____ % Applicant (include actual and in-kind services) _____

Other consideration for project approval:

Expected annual hunter days _____: participates in Block Management; Yes No.

Special or Unique components that are a consideration for this project:

(Also is there any reason FWP should not enter into a project agreement?)

APPROVED:

Regional Wildlife Manager _____ Date _____

Regional Supervisor _____ Date _____